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JACK SHU

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DENISE VEDDER

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1 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA;

2 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014; 4:00 P.M.

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4 MR. SHU: Okay. My name is Jack Shu, S-H-U,
5 and I'm here to comment on the Draft Bay Delta
6 Conservation Plan.

7 First of all, in 2012, AB-685 was passed by
8 State legislature and signed by the governor. That bill
9 states that as a priority we need to provide clean,
10 affordable water to everyone in California. Presently,
11 2 million people in California may not have affordable
12 clean water.

13 It's unconscionable for the State to consider a
14 \$24 billion project while we have 2 million people in
15 California without their rights for clean water being
16 supplied.

17 There are several issues with regards to this
18 project which bothers me and, I think, need to be
19 addressed. One is that the tax for this \$24 billion
20 project may not be applicable between all the users,
21 whether one be a farmer or using the water for municipal
22 use. We need to make sure that the cost is distributed
23 equitably for the amount of water we use in California.
24 And this project -- this proposed project's cost,
25 unfortunately, will not be distributed in that manner.

1 With regards to conservation measures that this
2 project entails, those should be independent of
3 developing the pipeline and the diversion. The
4 conservation measure is something we should always do,
5 and we should not hold hostage the restoration work by
6 having to divert additional water from the Sacramento
7 River.

8 And lastly, there is the issue of greenhouse
9 gas emissions and our need to reduce water use.
10 Conservation is the easiest way for us to deal with the
11 water crisis, not to build additional structures, and we
12 can do that by also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

13 Since our target to reduce greenhouse gas
14 emissions is 80 percent of 1990 levels per Governor
15 Schwarzenegger's Executive Order SO-305, we need to
16 reduce the amount of water that we both produce or
17 convert to those tax bases. And the best way to do that
18 is to simply conserve our water and not have to build
19 additional infrastructure which will damage our
20 environment even further.

21 And lastly, I think the name of the project is
22 really inappropriate. It's not really a conservation
23 plan; it is really a diversion plan. And I think that
24 will be much more appropriate.

25 Thank you.

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Comment By Robert Hong

First of all, I think this is a project pushed by Governor Brown. I supported Governor Brown; I thought he was doing a good job. The tunnel as proposed in this Bay Delta Conservation Plan is something that would be devastating to the Delta. Governor Brown is trying to prolong or continue the legacy of his father, the former Governor Brown, in transferring the water from Northern California to Southern California.

I have seen over the years that the Department of Water Resources has not kept its promise. They say they will monitor the need for the water, but every time there's any water, the water continues without interruption. So, we lost water in the San Joaquin River and if you go back, the history of the Salton Sea was dried up, Mammoth Lake was dried up all because of the thirst for water from Southern California.

There are real problems connected with it. First, you consider the fact that it will cross several earthquake faults. How are they going to mitigate that if you build this tunnel and you have an earthquake in this area? The excavation of millions of tons of earth to accomplish this twin tunnel is really against nature. It is something that will have an effect that we are not

1 aware of. Nature has a way of coming back and taking its
2 toll.

3 I think the solution for Southern California is
4 to take the water from the ocean. That is an inexpensive
5 way to go. They will have to bite the bullet sooner or
6 later. They need to consider taking water from the ocean
7 rather than continue to drain water from Sacramento and
8 San Joaquin Rivers.

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Comment By Joseph Cortez

My first concern is that initially, I heard that this water was desperately needed for Southern California and their farmers. They don't farm in Southern California. There are no farms down there. They are in Barstow and Imperial Valley. The developers want the land. The developers own land and they want all the water.

They had a water source of their own at one time. They abused it. They depleted it. Shame on them. They need to figure it out themselves, but they don't get a drop of our water. If they want any excess that we have, we will sell it to them, but it is going to cost them an arm and a leg. I strongly oppose it.

I have been a life-long resident of Stockton. You can see it deteriorating from the water they ship down there now. The saltwater in the Bay Area is going to destroy that farmland just so developers can get richer and nothing more.

The politicians will probably let them have their way, because they are politicians and, let's be frank with each other, they are greedy and accept bribes. My interest is not their interest. I was hoping that they had a map here showing me where this farmland is in

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1 Southern California that they want this water.

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Comment By Carol Jacques

I am a private citizen that is very concerned about the Delta. I grew up on the Delta and was there as a child and young adult. It is a pristine area that I feel these tunnels will ruin.

There has been a lot of changes since I was a child and a young adult out there. It is still an area that should be protected. They used to, when I was young, take and dredge the rivers and put the dirt on the levees to make them stronger and taller. Then the Corp of Engineers came in and said that they couldn't do that anymore, because it took bad things from the river into the air.

They want to make two tunnels that will create millions of pounds of sediment. They will put it on somebody's property and not cover up the stuff that they are digging up out of the ground. Somebody will have to smell it, live with it and maybe it will endanger people's lives. They don't know.

I just think that the Delta is a place to live and enjoy recreationally. Some of the farmers on the Sacramento River are families that have owned that land for hundreds of years and they will come in and take it away from them.

1 To take water down south on the desert land that
2 large companies like Dole, not individual farmers, own,
3 to give them the water from these farmers up here. I
4 think it is wrong. If you are against the tunnels, you
5 need to speak up. That's my opinion.

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Comment By Dan McDaniel

My concern is that I am not aware of a single system in the entire world that was improved by taking the water out of the river before it reached the estuary. That is exactly what the plan is in this case. It is to remove the water before it reaches the estuary.

I am not aware of a collaborative effort to restore an ecosystem anywhere in the world that specifically excluded the local population and the representatives the way the planning has been done for the BDCP.

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Comment By Jim Hall

I want to talk about two things: desalination and saltwater intrusion. The first is the document studies that I see. It has not effectively looked at desalination, besides the fact that desalination is a drought resistant source of water. It also is an additional source of water.

Once they put in the tunnels, everyone expects them to pump more water. It is going by the idea how it is not supposed to increase the water flow out of the Sacramento, San Joaquin River areas. Desalination is more bang for the buck over digging the tunnels. It will be new water and a drought resistant source of water that will always be there, drought or not. It will also add higher quality jobs and once the tunnel is done the ditch diggers are not needed. The desalination will require operators throughout.

Second, there is still no effective analysis of the saltwater intrusion to the Delta. It is a fragile ecosystem. It is unique. There is nothing like it west of the Mississippi River. It is resilient and it can take the residents living there and the farmers living there but cannot take the saltwater intrusion that will kill the ecosystem. The ecosystem is just fantastic. It

1 provides a variety of wildlife that is only seen in
2 places like Africa and the Amazon.

3 So, those are my two concerns, saltwater
4 intrusion and destroying something just because we can.
5 That doesn't mean we should. It is unique and worthy of
6 maintaining for Californians to come. The second, of
7 course, is that desalination should seriously be looked
8 at as an alternative to tunnels. We can do this in a
9 smarter way.

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Comment By Linda Hall

Speaking of the twin tunnels and their effect on the environment. Not only do we have saltwater intrusion and not flushing of the Delta areas you will not have flushing of the Bay Areas. The San Francisco area will not get the water it needs to cleanse the Bay.

The public should be informed. They are totally misinformed and not aware of the fact that if the twin tunnels were in existence right now there will still be no water. There is no snow pack in the Sierras. I believe that is a waste of money. We need to look at alternative technology. It would be a permanent fix and permanent solution to water problems and we need more storage areas.

We don't need the twin tunnels to disturb the whole Delta and the population and businesses therein. We own property in Southern California. We see the water bills. There has been no conservation. People are allowed to let their water run free. That is millions of lawns.

I think what Governor Brown could do is put in a reason for people to be stimulated to buy fake grass. Install fake grass with a tax deduction. Just like they are doing for solar panels. We actually put one in our

1 yard last year. All of those people here in this area
2 will be rationing or already rationing and the people in
3 L.A. are not yet.

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1 Comment By Clyde A. Livingston

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3 I just want to say I believe that the Bay Delta
4 Conservation Plan is a good idea, but I understand that
5 at this time we are going through a drought and that has
6 changed the complex.

7 I don't believe in how the plan is moving forward
8 because water purification is not part of the plan. It is
9 just my understanding moving the water from one point to
10 another is a secondary system. It is the basic plan with
11 environmental overview with environmental benefits that
12 the plan brings with it for certain habitat areas.

13 The Southern Sacramento area is hoping to move
14 some of those benefits to the San Joaquin, Stockton area
15 as well. The fact that the farmers in this area don't
16 trust the tunnel, because they feel they will lose
17 control of the water that they do have control of is
18 their issue, which is important, I believe.

19 As far as our weather patterns are concerned
20 right now, I think that moving forward, we need to have a
21 plan to hold over for the drought that we may be facing
22 for hopefully not too long of a time. If it happens to be
23 longer than what we expect, we probably need to make
24 plans and let them diggers go in San Francisco.

25 They started doing water purification and

1 desalination. As far as we claiming more water than they
2 normally would from special purification processes they
3 had to pay more money for it but in the end it paid off,
4 because the water was available and the cost of water did
5 fall because of that.

6 I never did agree with the original CVP Plan to
7 transport the water above ground. Water evaporation
8 transformation is part of our weather cycle problem,
9 because most of the water's being evaporated in the
10 desert where it has no real ability to affect the weather
11 patterns in this area.

12 We have rain in our mountains and the water
13 comes back down to the Valley up in the Bay and have the
14 water that we need. I never did agree with the original
15 project to pump or ship the water above ground because
16 the water needs to evaporate in this area, large
17 quantities of it, so it would stay cycling when it rains
18 in this area.

19 Now, the fact that it is being cycled in the
20 areas down in L.A., in the L.A. areas lots of water is
21 going down there in the desert areas, it is not having
22 any effect on the climate because it is not raining down
23 there or here. It is creating a source of a stalemate, in
24 our weather and in our atmosphere.

25 I know we can't pump the water back, but as far

1 as reclaiming the water and the water that is released it
2 needs to sit here, so it doesn't get the evaporation
3 transformation and not in other areas, but right here
4 where it is needed.

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Comment By David Hurley

My name's David Hurley I'm a third-generation Stocktonian whose roots are very deep in the Delta. My great-grandfather operated a fish market less than a mile from the site that we are sitting at right now.

I am a fisherman in the Delta and I have seen the devastation that is taking place in the population. It has taken over the last ten years since the water exports have increased since the year 2000. The population of sea bass is third lowest in the history of adult sea bass.

I do not believe this project has co-equal goals in mind. There is only one way to improve the habitat in the Delta. You cannot improve the habitat of the Delta by taking water above its source and transporting it underneath the Delta to be pumped south. In order to have the Delta, which is the largest estuary on the West coast and on the western hemisphere it has to have water.

Anything that would possibly allow for more take of water is going to devastate an already broken system. Another factor in this project is that it does not add one more drop of water to the system, it just provides a method of transporting water to avoid the Endangered Species Act.

The damage to the environment is fairly clear

1 that it is not an agreed export. I agree strongly that
2 this is not the answer. We have a problem, there is no
3 question about it. This current drought situation in
4 California demonstrates how significant the problem is.
5 When you have many more times the water allocated than we
6 have water in the watershed, we have a problem. It
7 depends on who gets what.

8 I do think the Bay Delta Conservation Plan needs
9 to be revamped and there is no way to support anything
10 that is this costly. It has a potential to do damage.

11 Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

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Comment By Roberto Lovato

One of my big concerns is air quality. Now they are bringing in all these cats and diesels into San Joaquin Valley that will pollute the air. Southern California is already being fined by the state because we can't get our air quality low enough.

This will have a negative impact on our state and county. I am very concerned about that. There are issues of noise pollution. I mean you are bringing all these big trucks and cats. They make a lot of noise and it is the quality of noise pollution also. I am a light sleeper. I don't want to get emphysema. I don't want to get cancer from the pollutant that these tractors will be bringing into the air. I breathe them. I live in Stockton. I am very concerned about that.

Another concern I have is as I understand it is approximately 15 percent of prime agricultural land will be taken away. Our economy here in the San Joaquin Valley is based on agriculture. That will have a hugely negative effect on our economy and the people who depend on agriculture for their livelihood.

Stockton: We are in poverty with huge unemployment numbers and I don't see any answer to this now. For the project, we will be bringing in workers.

1 Where are they going to stay? One answer I heard is that
2 they will stay in Stockton because Stockton has a large
3 amount of vacant housing. Well, the fact of the matter
4 is that they are building houses with new tracts over
5 here. In some of those houses our neighborhoods' people
6 won't want to move in there if they have children. So,
7 that will mean more housing, more agricultural land taken
8 out of our system.

9 I understand there will be some temporary
10 economic advantage when we have these construction people
11 coming in. Is there any guarantee that these workers will
12 be from Stockton, San Joaquin County, Sacramento? You
13 know, the areas that are being impacted? How many are
14 being imported from the other states or maybe other
15 countries? I don't have any of those answers, but those
16 are concerns I have.

17 I also have a concern what will be the impact of
18 this pipe? These pipes will be 150 feet down. Now I know
19 anything that gets engineered can break. We are an
20 earthquake county. What happens when that point-eight
21 earthquake hits and cracks those pipes filled with water
22 that will definitely cause problems in our Valley? That
23 water has to go someplace.

24 I had some other concerns too. Like dust
25 pollution will be happening. We already have that

1 problem. That problem will just be, you know,
2 exacerbated. One other concern I have is that these two
3 pamphlets are being published on glossy, expensive paper.
4 How much is this costing? This could have been done
5 cheaper. This is nothing more than an ad campaign.

6 Also in this one it says that the cost of
7 building the twin tunnels is \$4.27 billion dollars when
8 the actual cost will be \$68 billion dollars. It is just
9 like when you buy a house and you buy a house for
10 \$250,000 now, when you pay for it in 50 years you will
11 actually end up paying \$700-800,000 for that house. Same
12 thing that is happening here. That initial cost will go
13 up and because of interest we will be paying \$68 billion.
14 What else can we do with that money in our state?
15 Improving our education system, revamping our levees,
16 taking care of our existing water.

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Comment By Stephen R. Clark

My name is Stephen Clark. I am an appraiser and consultant. I have read the plan online, maybe not all of it but a good part of it and I am very concerned about the lack of discussion and analysis regarding the effects of creating the salt marshes that are inevitably going to occur as a result of this project. That point seems to be silent in almost every regard.

Because of my background and experience, it is very clear to me that the water that is already being shipped to Los Angeles via the Aqueduct and State Aqueduct and the Delta Mendota is already creating a high level of salination in the Delta farmlands and it will be greatly accelerated by this twin tunnel project. The effect will be harmful to many farmers.

Farmers, who are already limited to the types of crops that they can grow. That will be even more destructive and many farmers will be put out of business, particularly those with farmlands in close proximity to the tunnels themselves in the north Delta.

I have a great deal of experience in litigation in court testimony, Eminent Domain, and this project will create a huge backlash of adverse condemnation claims from farmers who over the years will see the value of

1 their land greatly diminished.

2 It is astounding to me that this critical aspect
3 of the plan is given very little, if any, discussion.
4 Adverse condemnation will be a big part of the backlash
5 if this project is approved and built. The Plan appears
6 to have, in some magical sort of way, exempted itself
7 from other environmental impacts. Its effect on
8 endangered species seems to be magically waved away.

9 For the next 50 years or more, no one will be
10 able to claim any issues about negative impact that this
11 project has on endangered species. I don't know how in
12 the world anyone can legislate that. This is not an
13 environmental impact report. This Bay Delta Plan is a
14 sham. It is amazing to me that anyone can present this to
15 the public with a straight face.

16 The Plan will have devastating impacts on Delta
17 recreation, a major industry that will be severely
18 curtailed while under construction and certainly damaged
19 well into the future. After the project is completed, I
20 don't think these aspects have been adequately studied or
21 addressed in the EIR.

22 To summarize, the Plan appears to call itself an
23 EIR and yet exempts itself from many or most of the
24 environmental rules that are enforced in other projects.
25 The Plan is silent on one of the most major aspects of

1 this project, which is the accelerated salination of
2 Delta farmland. The project will result in many cases of
3 adverse condemnation.

4 It is not beyond my imagination to see farmers
5 within four, five, ten miles of this project and
6 pipelines filing legitimate claims for damages, i.e.
7 adverse condemnation as a result of increased salinity
8 levels that will occur over a period of years. It may not
9 be obvious in any one year, but when you look at the
10 salinity levels as they increase over a period of five
11 years or certainly ten years, the effect will be
12 traumatic.

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Comment By Mario Evangelista

This proposed Plan by Governor Brown in my opinion is fundamentally flawed. What it is doing is redistributing limited water from Northern California to Southern California and there is not enough water to go around. We are in a drought situation. What we need to do is to be more creative and look at options to not redistribute water but to find ways to develop new water resources.

San Diego County is currently building a desalination plant. The cost is \$984 million. The plant is located in Carlsbad. It is projected to generate 500 million gallons of highly purified drinking water a day. The reason for this move is because San Diego County doesn't have enough water. California, if you look geographically, has oceanfront all the way down the state.

We could negotiate with Southern California counties to develop desalination plants, for example in Monterey County, San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County and Los Angeles County. We would need a couple in Los Angeles, because Los Angeles is so big.

We are coming out with new filtering mechanisms that are more environmentally friendly to desalination

1 plants. Other countries like Australia and Saudi Arabia
2 are focusing on desalination plants. If more California
3 counties in Southern California, which are arid in desert
4 areas and not in Northern California, would continue to
5 grow in population. If they developed their own water
6 resources, that would be a good move for the entire state
7 of California. It would be good for our economy. It
8 would be good for local entities to have more control
9 over their own water and it wouldn't devastate Northern
10 California.

11 Right now in the Delta fisheries salmon,
12 stripers, bass, all of which are endangered species, are
13 real fragile right now. What they really need is more
14 fresh water and higher water flow. We have our own water
15 resources in the San Joaquin County and the Delta. We
16 have our own water. We have a multibillion-dollar
17 agricultural industry and both the fisheries and the
18 agriculture industries will be jeopardized if we continue
19 to allocate and take more water from this area and send
20 it south. You don't really need to do that. That is why I
21 am saying this is really flawed.

22 If the state of California is not comfortable
23 with the current desalination plant, they can allocate
24 two, three, four million dollars to different UC systems
25 like Cal State Monterey, UC Santa Cruz. We have several

1 UC systems that are doing research in marine environments
2 and they could do quite a bit of research and improve on
3 the desalination plants that are being built in San
4 Diego.

5 With some forethought and a creative and
6 progressive approach, we could build desalination plants
7 and not have to continue to rely on Northern California
8 water. Why should we have to sacrifice Stockton? The
9 building of these twin tunnels will lose more
10 agricultural land through Eminent Domain and other means.
11 We need to stop. Stop the taking of our agricultural
12 lands. We need to maintain our agricultural lands and not
13 lose them for whatever reason.

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Comment By Pete Corsun

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3 This Plan to take more water from the Delta is
4 seriously flawed for the following reasons: By taking
5 more water, the salinity of the Delta will increase,
6 which will impair the species who live there. Nobody has
7 a good answer for that at this point in the draft, other
8 than they would adjust after, which is basically saying
9 that the patient would be dead. Let's try now to revive
10 the patient. Nobody knows the effects of salinity. We do
11 not know the effect that saline has on many species.
12 Nobody knows exactly what those effects will be and how
13 many species will suffer and die because of the increased
14 salinity.

15 Furthermore, to take more water from the Delta
16 than is already being taken will turn the Delta into a
17 swamp. Those who recreate there will lose that
18 opportunity. The farmers who make a living on their farms
19 in the Delta area region will lose their economic
20 viability. This will be replaced with habitat areas in a
21 highly solidified, salted area and that is not going to
22 be a fair exchange. So what is there now?

23 Furthermore, the cost of the project is far too
24 great for what the outcome will be. Since the 1982 tunnel
25 plan, which failed by the vote of the people, the people

1 in L.A. County have not used one drop more water than
2 they did at that time. That's because of conservation
3 efforts, increased rate and recycling efforts. This money
4 would be much better served if it were to shore up the
5 existing levees, help municipality desalination plants
6 and recycling efforts and increase the dams so that we
7 have greater water storage.

8 In times like these when we are in a drought
9 situation, the second year of a drought and possibly
10 going into a third, nobody is willing to say. Governor
11 Brown called it a drought the other day, but we may still
12 come out of it.

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Comment By Stina Va

I'm making these comments on behalf of Restore The Delta. My name is Stina Va and I am the campaign administrator for Restore The Delta. As of today, the two main reservoirs are the state and federal water projects like Lake Shasta and Lake Oroville are both at 36 percent capacity and this is just the first full year of a drought. Historically, we have multi-year droughts in California one-third of the time.

Where do BDCP planners expect to get water for these tunnels in future drought years, since this will be permitted as a habitat conservation lan that is supposed to restore populations of endangered species like Chinook salmon? How do they plan to operate the tunnels when there is even less water than average for explorer users and the environment to share? In a prolonged drought, how will this project meet the co-equal goals required by law, unless reliable considerably acknowledged to mean dramatically less than explorers have come to expect.

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Comment By Erna Murphy

I am totally against sending water to Southern California. We don't have any water to send to anybody. We don't even have enough water here in Northern California. With the drought and this project, it is going to cost twice as much as they are telling us now that it will cost.

This project will ruin the Delta. It will ruin all the farms out in the Delta. We simply don't have any water to send anywhere. Our wells are going dry up here. We haven't had any rain this year and that's even multiplying the situation. There isn't enough water for the fish. It will also inhibit the boats from coming up through the Delta to the Port of Stockton and to the Port of Sacramento. What they should concentrate on is building Auburn Dam or another dam somewhere in Northern California to store water and leave the Delta alone.

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Comment By John Minneham

I'm a concerned citizen from Lodi, California.
Born and raised in Lodi and have been going to the Delta
area since I was a kid fishing and going on picnics with
my family. I have always loved this area. It's a
beautiful natural habitat of California and no less
beautiful than places like Lake Tahoe or Yosemite, to
name a few places on the Pacific Ocean.

I am very disturbed that this Plan ever came
about. I think it is a preposterous idea to put two huge
water pipelines 150 feet below the Delta to divert water
southward. I don't care where it is going. I think it
is a ridiculous idea. The Bay Delta Conservation Plan is
not a conservation plan, it is a disaster. First, the
ecology in the Sacramento, San Joaquin Delta will lower
fresh water in the Delta Bay. There will be less fresh
water in the Delta and San Francisco Bay. The Sacramento,
San Joaquin Delta is what keeps the San Francisco Bay
fresh and alive.

When they take that much fresh water out of the
Delta it will extremely affect San Francisco Bay and
whatever fish and bird life that go through that habitat
-- humans included. It will restrict further, if not put
an end to, many species of fish migration, business loss,

1 bird and wildlife habitat. I know that there is a
2 conservation plant that is supposed to put in effect with
3 this, but nobody knows for sure if it will work.

4 We already have a wildlife habitat now and I am
5 afraid that will be destroyed by too many restrictions on
6 recreational use. It will be lowering ground water levels
7 and quality in the Delta area. There will be loss of
8 thousands of acres of farmland, primarily from not only
9 the project itself, but for seeding those lands to make
10 conservation lands.

11 There will be spiraling costs to the taxpayers
12 and to the regional economy and the state of California.
13 The BDCP will be a disaster to the economy of California.
14 The cost keeps spiraling upwards for the BDCP. The state
15 of California actually doesn't know how much water
16 diversion will cost for land-seized equipment materials,
17 construction, construction labor, financing, interest and
18 legal battles. Public works projects typically far exceed
19 construction time, cost, financing and legal estimates.

20 This project will divide the people of
21 California. The time, effort and money will be better
22 spent building water recreation projects throughout the
23 state and especially in areas which don't have these
24 facilities such as IAG use areas. For example, IAG use of
25 water in counties of Fresno, Tulare, Kern and Imperial

1 counties. We live in a desert state. Conservation
2 measures should be strictly adopted and enforced not only
3 in drought periods, but all the time. A 40,000 page
4 document outlining the BDPC cannot justify or explain
5 draining the Sacramento River. That has been done to the
6 Colorado River and destruction of the San Joaquin,
7 Sacramento water resource and precious wildlife habitat
8 and farmlands.

9 We already are taking too much water out of the
10 Delta. The state of California can come up with a better
11 Plan to satisfy water needs throughout the state. I
12 really hope and pray that this Plan does not go through.
13 I think we need to slow down the process here and not try
14 to rush or force this on the people of California. It is
15 happening too quickly and as you can see here tonight
16 there are only a few people that are coming out. I don't
17 know how many people know that this meeting is going on.

18 A project of this size is going to have such
19 great effects on our state and our region, we need to
20 give it more time. I pray that we work out the details
21 more better for everyone.

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Hi Ryan,

I have a few more transcripts for you. The files were relatively small so I've attached the electronic versions. Let me know if/when you'd like me to drop off the originals.

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Comment By Steve Haze

Steve Haze. H-a-z-e. My comment deals with Chapter 8, based on what was presented to me about water quality and constituents of urgent concern, and what the effect would be as it relates to these alternatives.

The other part of my question is that it appears that the conservation plan does not take into account all the discharge that is occurring and what the impact would be from municipalities, say, like the City of Sacramento. And that -- what would be the -- the resolution, or how to look at the cost associated with deferred maintenance, or not being to standards similar to like the City of San Jose and their discharge into San Francisco Bay. So it appears that the plan is not taking into account what those costs will be as well.

There's also communities downstream. It would be like the City of Antioch, where they pull water out. And I am aware of one community that already had to move their pumps for their municipal use. And I want to say Fairfax, but I'm not quite certain if it's Fairfax. So that was part of my question. Based on the individuals here, and my questions to them, it did not appear that that cost element was taken into account, as well as the qualitative aspect.

1 And this question is not species driven, but
2 the Delta is a recreational resource. People water ski,
3 they fish. Some fish and consume the fish. And the
4 question is will the conservation plan include those
5 considerations. And, again, based on the fact that it
6 appears that existing municipal discharge is occurring,
7 the question is what that impact is.

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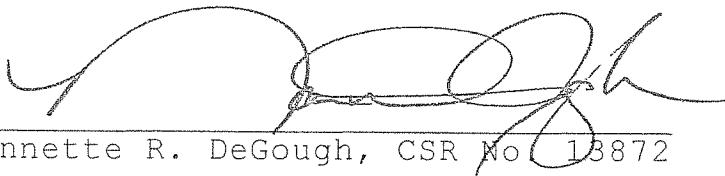
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Comment By William Fjellbo

My name is William Fjellbo. F, as in Frank, J, as in job, e-l-l-b, as in boy, and O. I'm a resident of Coarsegold, California, and I am the chair of the Tehippite chapter, T-e-h-i-p-p-i-t-e, which covers all of Central California. We include all of Fresno, Madera, Merced, and Mariposa Counties, and part of Kings and Tulare County also. And we have approximately 1200 members. And we will be having a meeting I have to go to in about 15 minutes.

We have a large number of serious concerns about the plan, and, in fact, I think we are opposed to it. We just do not believe that the removal of this much water from the Bay and Delta water system cannot result in anything other than harm to the environment there.

The bays and Delta is already in a very precarious position environmentally. It is probably not sustainable as it is, but the removal of more water in the system will make it worse. There is a number of endangered species there that will probably go extinct if this happens.

There is certainly a number of positive things about this plan that we like. It certainly is restoring

1 the wetlands. And the title marshes is a good idea and
2 the increased fisheries there. But you can do that
3 without, you know, building these giant pipelines to
4 suck water out of the Sacramento River and send it
5 south. So we just wanted to state our opposition to the
6 plan, as it is presently constituted.

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Comment By Robert D. Merrill

Robert D. Merrill. M-e-r-r-i-l-l. First of all, the comment is that there's really nothing in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan about controlling or having state laws that control groundwater pumping. At the same time, because we're in a diminishing situation with our groundwater supply, at the same time that we've got urban growth taking up ag land, it's water demands.

And so by putting -- so the question is related to that also, is that a lot of the land use policies that allow suburban sprawl are at the county level. And so that there is no state control over suburban sprawl and land use that requires -- moves more people in and requires more water.

So we've got two issues, we've got the groundwater -- the need for groundwater law, like Colorado and other states have, that California has fought. And, at the same time, we have urban growth that requires more water, and that is under the control of county board of supervisors and city councils. And both of those operate against water or increased water demands.

Okay. The other thing is, that the cost of this is -- a significant part of it is borne by the

1 taxpayer. At the same time, the significant part is
2 borne by the water agencies. So that if one part of it
3 falls through, is there -- the public is not going to be
4 able to come back and say we made a mistake.

5 That, and the other thing is, these water
6 agencies, especially on the ag end, are huge industrial
7 agricultural interests that have invested in permanent
8 crops that demand water year to year, no matter what
9 nature supplies. So should we be funding unwise
10 investments?

11 And ag needs to come clean with these permanent
12 crops, pistachios, almonds, and other things that don't
13 feed a hungry world. They're a luxury crop that has a
14 high investment return.

15 Whereas rice, beans, other things that have --
16 especially beans and other crops, have much lower water
17 demands. And if you have a bad year, you haven't got a
18 multi-year investment made. You can cut back on the
19 water use that year, if it is not available. And you
20 don't have the demand that the trees are going to die,
21 because you've got a seasonal crop, an annual crop,
22 whether it's lettuce, or wheat, or things that feed more
23 people. So that that's -- that isn't being really
24 discussed out in the public arena.

25 With climate change, the tunnels -- I think as

1 a geologist that's dealt with climate change, and
2 understand river processes and so on, that the tunnels
3 are going to be a stranded asset. In drought years,
4 they won't even be able to fill them. And that means
5 that the limited water that is needed to maintain the
6 Delta ecosystem is -- how is that going to be
7 adjudicated?

8 And essentially what we're saying is, well,
9 it's going to be tough. We're going to have to give up
10 a species. We're going to give up the fisheries, what's
11 left of them. That the estuaries and the bay are the
12 nurseries for what happens in the ocean.

13 And so with a stranded asset of climate change,
14 who's going -- we're still going to make the same
15 decision, hopefully to maintain the ecosystem, but
16 there's no guarantee of that with this new Bay Delta
17 Plan. Because the government is locked in, not being
18 able to change the agreement in favor of the
19 environment. And the farmer certainly would never let
20 it happen.

21 So those are issues that need to be addressed.
22 And ag, as I said earlier, ag has to be honest about
23 luxury crops versus feeding a hungry world with an
24 increasing population.

25 There's also -- I don't see any guarantee in

1 the plan that this water that the big ag interests would
2 gain would not be then sold to urban uses, or to
3 suburban sprawl out on Mojave Desert, as has already
4 happened with some water districts in the valley -- have
5 sold their surface water rights to encourage urban
6 growth, to support existing urban growth outside of the
7 agricultural valley.

8 And there's another issue that's probably
9 somewhat minor, but the whole issue that's facing the
10 state with hydraulic fracturing. And the oil industry
11 demands a large amount of water to do the hydro
12 fracturing, and ag has failed to speak up about that.

13 You might want to add in there somewhere that
14 I'm a retired geology professor, so that it has some
15 significance into the science.

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Comment By Kyla Mitchell

My name is Kyla Mitchell, K-y-l-a,
M-i-t-c-h-e-l-l. Okay. So will water from the BDCP be
used to provide clean drinking water to the small
communities in the valley that presently have
contaminated water?

That's the end. And what if I have a second
comment?

According to the BDCP website, water from the
tunnels can be used for fracking, because such water
would work for an industrial use, which is considered a
beneficial use. How much water will be allowed for
fracking? And, how will this work when there isn't
enough water presently in the system for agricultural
use for the San Joaquin Valley?

End. Perfect. Thank you.

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Comment By David Tolmachoff

David Tolmachoff, T-o-l-m-a-c-h-o-f-f. Hey, I'm certain this whole Bay Delta Conservation Plan is a cover for political people who don't want to make a decision. They're using a committee to blind themselves from the grief of making a choice. And there's nothing.

Also the real choice is about agriculture versus the cities who need water too. And the real problem is, ag isn't going to get any water. This is a gift of water, and they will be cutting their own long-term future short by doing that. They have to conserve more than ag, cut back on their yards, redrink the same recycled water everywhere in the cities. Put back pure water through three or four times treated, and then put it back chilled back in the Delta. And quit picking on farmers, taking water for farms.

We need the water for farms to feed everybody else. Yeah, it's a business, but there's businesses in the Delta way, way larger than any farm in Southern California.

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Comment By Ronald Travis

Ronald Travis, T-r-a-v-i-s. Your display here is nice, and it looks like a lot of work. I think I read in the paper where they spent seven years with this project to build this tunnel. It's going to cost 24 billion, somebody says 51 billion. I think it was in the paper also, said 51 billion, an article that I read in the paper. Very confusing on what it's going to cost. I think I would have the tendency to believe it's going to be 51 billion.

I'm in disagreement with what they're doing, because I think desalination is the way to go. I mean, you have an ocean out there full of water, and you have a specific area in the State of California that would take a great grain of our water and especially agriculture.

Okay. Agriculture should be the first. Everybody talks about water quality, the ecology, taking water from the Sacramento River to divert it down to the aqueduct, and all this other business. And what's going to happen, in the article that I read, if you decrease the water from Sacramento going to the ocean, then you're increasing the shore, and bringing the salt water up the lake more -- up the river more, which disturbs

1 the present ecology.

2 So what they're studying is all the effects of
3 all this, seems to me the department is spinning their
4 wheels. I also feel that they've got their head in the
5 box. And because they can't think beyond that, they're
6 thinking about all these possibilities.

7 The whole plan is based on Mother Nature, to
8 divert water from Sacramento River. And what have you
9 done? You're betting that the water is always going to
10 be there, which it's not. They can't bet that.

11 The State of Washington had a drought a few
12 years ago. Oregon had a drought a few years ago.
13 Washington and Oregon had droughts, so the Shasta
14 Reservoir made from rivers McCloud, the Sacramento and
15 the Pit River -- and there's one more. Well, the Pit
16 River seems to be the one that surprised me, that
17 supplies the most water to the reservoir. Surprised me.
18 You know, and so desalination is the only way to go.

19 Santa Barbara did it. They built a plant,
20 because they were really suffering. I happened to be
21 there. My wife was -- taking my wife to treatments at
22 the clinic down there, so I saw Santa Barbara. And it
23 was dry and miserable. So when they voted to do this,
24 it was expensive. But when they built it, Mother Nature
25 turned on the water faucets, so they didn't have a

1 chance to use it. But since then, they have used it.

2 So I'm saying that since we have all that water
3 out there, we can start with bringing up desalination up
4 the Sacramento River through pipes. Pump the water into
5 the aqueduct.

6 Also, try to think about filling that dam we
7 have just outside of Dos Palos -- not Dos Palos, but --
8 oh, I can't think of the little town there, they have
9 the dirt dam. Anyway -- and it's a huge reservoir.
10 That thing's a puddle of water and -- Kennedy came out
11 in 1961 and dedicated it to the farmers, now this thing
12 is a puddle of water. All of our reservoirs currently,
13 Shaver, Millerton, all puddles of water.

14 So if you can use desalination, pump the water
15 into these reservoirs, get the rivers up, you'll talk
16 about jobs. God, you'd have so many jobs you wouldn't
17 know what to do with.

18 So I'm saying, bottom line is, these people --
19 the state's spinning their wheels on this project. And
20 the lay person speaking here, have nothing -- I don't
21 have any great knowledge of what I'm saying. But if the
22 lay person's speaking, it doesn't have a chance in hell,
23 because the whole program is built around Mother Nature
24 and how much water the Sacramento River can produce.

25 That's all I had.

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Comment By Donald Brumfield

My name is Donald Brumfield, D-o-n-a-l-d, B-r-u-m-f-i-e-l-d. And my wife and I started an educational water usage association, that's a nonprofit association, to try and help solve some of the problems that we have here in California related to water usage.

And my comments today is I want to say that we have researched this for five years. We have talked to a lot of people in water districts, such as Tom Birmingham with Westlands Water District. We have talked to people out at the -- at the dam that's at San Luis Reservoir. So we've talked to all those people that do the Central California Irrigation District. We've talked to the people that are in charge of that.

And Dennis Nelson is one of the people that works with the water that moves in and out of the O'Neill Forebay, and from there we have water distributed to the California Aqueduct, and it also continues through the Delta-Mendota Canal.

And then we have worked with Tom Lidesmond (phonetic) at -- he is with the Friant Dam conservation department. And they've run from there -- they have the -- that's the Friant-Kern Canal goes south, and they have a lot of irrigation districts that work from that.

1 And we've been up and down the state.

2 We've talked to Mr. Wade who is in charge of
3 the Farm Water Coalition organization. And then we've
4 dealt on the state level with the Farm Bureau
5 association, and with the food -- California food
6 processors associations.

7 And Chris Rufer has Morning Star, and also
8 Liberty Packing is the largest tomato processing person
9 in the world, as we speak. And he has contributed to
10 our organization to try and help bring water to the
11 farmers that grow his crops. So we're touching bases
12 with everyone that we can.

13 We've also talked to the people in charge of
14 the California water usage association from the state
15 level, and dealt with them. I think her name is
16 Cindy Forbes.

17 I want to meet with the committees and to get
18 on to some of these groups to explain some answers and
19 solutions I have for that -- for the organization and
20 development of these plans. One of them is, we have an
21 electrical state-of-the-art plan to make electricity
22 that we can use for the distribution of water for
23 drinking water, and using surface water for the people
24 that are down through the San Joaquin Valley.

25 Thank you.

From: Tim Stroshane <spillwayguy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 2:47 PM
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Subject: Environmental Justice Community Survey Report

I am unable to locate on the BDCP web site a copy of the Environmental Justice Community Survey Summary report cited in Chapter 28 of the BDCP EIR/EIS.

Can you direct me to it on the BDCP web site, or provide me with a copy? It was done for DWR in 2010, it appears.

Thank you,

Tim Stroshane
Environmental Water Caucus

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Comments were provided to DWR staff via phone:

1. The EIR/EIS is a 22,000 page document. How can I be expected to know everything it contains.
2. How is water taken out of the Sacramento River? When can the water be taken? 15,000 cfs of water is a lot of water.
3. Where did the preparers of the document obtain the figures 9,000 cfs and 15,000 cfs?
4. The main problem facing the Delta is the exportation of water out of the system.
5. Rip Rap is not a great solution to the levee issues.
6. Levee issues are numerous and should be addressed prior to determining and conveyance system.
7. Part of the Delta problem is the amount of pumping by the State and Feds.
8. This document is not a true EIR.
9. There are damages to his property caused by seepage out of Clifton Court Forebay
10. What is DWR going to do with the dredged Forebay materials?

From: Bud Robinson <budley5@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 7:00 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: San Luis Obispo County Water

Is it too late for San Luis Obispo county to connect to the American Aqueduct?

Carroll Robinson
108 Wawona Av
Pismo Beach CA 93449
623 698 6000

From: jshimmick@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 9:07 AM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Intake at Courtland vs Rio Vista

The amount of water taken will require very large long fish screens. No where on the Sacramento river is there any facility that takes anywhere near the amount of water that will be taken. Even if the intake was built there is no guarantee that it would be problem free.

Why not place the intake across the river from Rio Vista where there is a much much larger source of water. The placement anywhere above Rio Vista has much less water causing fish to be exposed to the screens more often. The Rio Vista location would allow flow in both the Sutter and Steamboat Sloughs before water is taken. The Courtland location is too concentrated, and will be a problem for the Salmon fingerlings, that are not an existing problem in Byron.

The Courtland idea stems from the Peripheral Canal concept where the canal needed to be built on land rather than going under the sloughs of the Delta with tunnels.

Why build a 40' diameter tunnel. The tunnel industry has developed a very efficient transit tunnel of about 23' diameter. That is the diameter to use. If a repairs are needed in the cutterhead, access can be had using compressed air, as opposed to the shaft now being built to make repairs to the machine in Seattle. Three or four tunnels of the smaller diameter would be more economical. Also theses tunnels need to be flushed out to prevent the buildup of silt.

I have swam and skied on all parts of the Delta, and yes the water in the Courtland area is the better quality than Rio Vista, but Rio Vista is better quality than Byron.

Sent from my iPad

From: Vreni Rau <vrenir@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 11:53 AM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov

BDCP529.

I'm writing to you today to ask you to oppose Governor Jerry Brown's BDCP tunnel water project. This is an unnecessary, damaging, and outrageously priced project. Jerry Meral, deputy secretary at the CA Natural Resources Agency said the tunnel plan won't ultimately help the Delta. How could it help the Delta when millions of acre-feet of water are diverted? CA voters defeated the Peripheral Canal and now we seem to have lost any say in stopping this terrible idea. I respectfully urge you to take whatever actions are in your power to oppose this water-grab!

Sincerely,
Verena Rau

From: Brusati, Elizabeth <edbrusati@cal-ipc.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 2:30 PM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov
Cc: Johnson, Doug
Subject: comments from California Invasive Plant Council
Attachments: Cal-IPC to BDCP.pdf

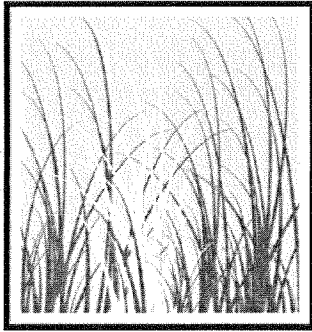
Hello Mr. Wulff,

Attached please find comments on the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan from the California Invasive Plant Council.

Elizabeth Brusati

Elizabeth D. Brusati, PhD
Senior Scientist

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BDCP Comments
Ryan Wulff, NMFS
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100
Sacramento, CA 95814

April 10, 2014

Dear Mr. Wulff:

The California Invasive Plant Council is pleased to have the opportunity to submit comments on the draft of the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect California's lands and waters from ecologically-damaging invasive plants through science, education and policy. Our active membership includes public and private land managers, ecological consultants and researchers, planners, volunteer stewards, and concerned citizens.

The following comments refer to Conservation Strategy Chapter 3 - Part 2, Conservation Measure 11.

Overall we are glad you are addressing invasive plants. We are glad that you included prevention in the discussion of methods as it has been shown by numerous studies to be the most cost-effective method of reducing the spread of invasive plants.

p. 3.4-211, line 14 - The heading of the section is Invasive Plant Control but the first paragraph uses the term nonnative plants. This may be confusing to readers (and decision makers) who are not familiar with the distinction between these terms. We suggest using invasive plants because 1) most nonnative plants do not have strong ecological impacts and therefore are not invasive and 2) federal Executive Order 13112 gives a definition of invasive plants. We also suggest defining invasive plants here or referencing a definition earlier in the document, if there is one.

p. 3.4-211, footnote 32 - Our California Invasive Plant Inventory is not updated on a specific five-year schedule. It is updated periodically. However, five years is a reasonable interval for an evaluation and revision of invasive plant plans.

p. 3.4-211, footnote 34 - Suggest you reference our online Inventory rather than the 2007 report listed here, as the online version includes updates after 2007. The online Cal-IPC Inventory database is available at <http://www.cal-ipc.org/ip/inventory/index.php>.

p. 3.4-212, line 13 – Cal-IPC’s CalWeedMapper website (calweedmapper.cal-ipc.org) is another resource that might be included. It includes statewide maps of 200 invasive plants, synthesis of data, and climate modeling results for 79 species.

p. 3.4-212, line 14 – Typo in “Eradication”

p. 3.4-213, line 1 - Overall, we feel that the section on Invasive Plant Guidelines and Techniques should emphasize using an Integrated Pest Management strategy that incorporates the method or combination of methods that are most effective while reducing impacts to nontarget species (see <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/GENERAL/whatisipm.html> for example).

p. 3.4-213, line 5 – Prevention: It is also important not to move existing invasive plants within reserves, in addition to preventing new species from entering.

p. 3.4-213, line 14 – Manual control also includes cutting.

p. 3.4-213, line 27 – Use of livestock must be considered carefully because they can also spread invasive plants and eat desirable native plants.

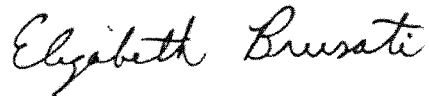
p. 3.4-213, line 30 – We have a number of concerns about this paragraph. We recommend that someone who is licensed by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation review this section and the later section on pesticides.

1. This paragraph is somewhat confusing because it starts by describing chemical control as something that is necessary mostly for large infestations but ends by saying BDCP will use herbicides only for eradication, which implies they will be used on small populations.
2. What is the basis of the statement that herbicide is most successful when used with other methods? This seems to be using a definition of Integrated Pest Management that considers chemical control the method of last resort. We would prefer to see a focus on using the best method or combination of methods that are effective and reduce negative ecological impacts.
3. The beginning of the paragraph implies that herbicides should be used only when infestations are too large for other methods to work. To the contrary, in many cases using a targeted application of herbicide on small populations, either alone or as part of an Integrated Pest Management strategy with other methods, will prevent the spread of infestations and thereby reduce the ecological impacts of the invasive plants.
4. Many state and federal regulations govern the use of herbicides, especially around water. These should be referenced rather than simply stating that “great caution” will be used. Specifically, refer to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/index.htm>).
5. Saying that “herbicides use will be reserved for instances where no other eradication techniques are effective” does not match the usual process of invasive plant management. First, at what scale of “eradication” does this mean? Statewide or at a particular site? Second, many invasive plants have seed banks that can germinate new plants for several

years, necessitating control for multiple years. Third, in many cases populations of invasive plants cannot be fully eradicated.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We are happy to provide additional information on invasive plant management if requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Brusati".

Elizabeth Brusati, Senior Scientist

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Johnson".

Doug Johnson, Executive Director

April 9, 2014

To whom it may concern:

The California Delta is a wonderful place for agriculture, recreational boating, fishing, spawning of new generations of salmon, striped bass, and steelhead, bird habitat, living, and businesses affiliated with all the above. The proposed tunnels put all this in great jeopardy.

I see an environmental disaster in the making. Salt water intrusion will destroy the rich agricultural lands used for growing vast quantities of fruits and vegetables. The fish populations will lose their natural habitat for reproduction. Recreational and tournament fishermen will lose their favorite pastime and in many cases some of their food supply and income. Boaters will lose their favorite routes for recreation and will have to travel farther to enjoy their sport. Safety on the water will be a greater concern as more boaters seek out the same distant areas for water skiing, wave running, fishing and swimming. Homes and communities such as Discovery Bay will lose their property values as water levels decrease in their backyards. Boating, water sports, and fishing in its many bays will become impossible without fresh water flow and present water levels. Too, the *Eugenia Densa* plant will clog the bays due to plants getting more sunlight with lowered water levels. With all the government money spent on the Department of Fish and Game and Department of the Interior to protect fish populations, the tunnels would be counterproductive in preserving fish and wildlife.

People in the Central Valley and Northern California want to see a major effort to STORE WATER from the snow pack and rain water from storms. At present so much water is lost in runoff and flow to the ocean. Stored water and its overflow could be used in draught years and for irrigation.

Desalination should be top priority also. It has proven to work in the Saudi Arabian desert and so it is a definite source of water for California as well. As for cost, the BDCP is required by law to put much effort into determining the cost of WATER STORAGE and also desalination plants as our best and safest options for obtaining more water. The tunnels would be a financial disaster for the state with an enormous and destructive environmental impact to the California Delta.

Sincerely,
Susan Proescher
2394 Mariner Square Dr.
Alameda, CA 94501

From: Captain Morgan <proescher@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 9:49 AM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov
Subject: California BDCP comments
Attachments: save the delta 4-9-14.pdf

To whom it concerns:

Please read the following attachment regarding the BDCP Draft EIR/EIS.

Sincerely,
Susan Proescher

From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Don Ross
<1donross@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 7:38 PM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov
Subject: I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta

Apr 14, 2014

Mr. Ryan Wulff, NMFS
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Wulff, NMFS,

Thank you for receiving public comments in response to the Draft BDCP Plan and Draft EIR/EIS.

I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta. I oppose the project because:

It is too costly (up to \$54 billion with interest and other hidden costs) and the general public should not have to cover any of this outrageous, including habitat restoration costs. These should be paid by those who receive the water (since the Delta diversions degraded the habitat in the first place).

Operation of the diversions and tunnels threaten to dewater major upstream reservoirs in northern California and reduce downstream river flows, to the detriment of fish, wildlife, recreation, and other public trust values.

Diversion and tunnel facilities would adversely impact too much Delta farmland and habitat, harm Brannan Island State Park, infringe on the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, and degrade other essential conservation lands.

You cannot restore Delta habitat without first determining how much fresh water the Delta needs to survive and thrive. Restoration of fresh water flows from the San Joaquin River in the south Delta are particularly important.

The tunnels will need more upstream storage facilities to feed fresh water into them. These include raising Shasta Dam, building the Sites Reservoir, and possibly reviving the Auburn Dam on the American River and the Dos Rios Dam on the Eel. The environmental, cultural, and financial impacts of these controversial projects are a significant foreseeable but ignored impact of the BDCP.

It is appalling to see southern california - a natural desert- with green lawns and fountains. Zerophobic plants and rationing are in order. Also planting crops in the valley that are not water intensive are key to conservation methods Lets not forget what overwatering did to kesterson!

Before the double barrel approach is adopted at the peril of the Delta habitat and impending salinity incursion. Lets work on covering the aquaducts (10% savings) and educating LA on the true environment in which they live - a desert where water conservation is a must! (20 to 30% savings). And planting crops that are eco friendly.

I believe that the BDCP should include, and I would support, an alternative that significantly reduces Delta exports and focuses instead on restoring habitat and threatened and endangered species in the Delta, improves Delta water quality

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by providing sufficient fresh water inflow from both the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, and that includes a pragmatic plan to sustainably meeting California's water needs. This can be done by increasing agricultural and urban water use efficiency, capturing and treating storm water, recycling urban waste water, cleaning up polluted groundwater, and reducing irrigation of desert lands in the southern Central Valley with severe drainage problems. We don't need to build more dams or tunnels.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Mr. Don Ross
5906 N Arlington Blvd
Richmond, CA 94806-4281

From: Greg Gartrell <greggartrell@ix.netcom.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2014 10:16 AM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: BDCP EIR EIS Figures for Appendix 3E

Appendix 3E figures are not on the website, can these please be loaded so they can be reviewed?

Thanks

Greg Gartrell

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From: g mariolle <mariolle@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 8:27 AM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Delta Tunnel Project and Cancer?

We were considering buying a beautiful home in Discovery Bay, but now that we have learned of the Tunnel Plan, we probably won't buy there. Our concern is that, although we have not read the official document ourselves, we have been told that building these tunnels and disrupting the "sludge" will cause carcinogens to be released. We were told that a one mile radius around the excavation would be determined, with all homeowners having to leave during this time, due to the danger of cancer exposers. Can you please explain to me if this is true? We love the delta and would love to purchase this home, but not if it puts my family in jeopardy. We were to make an offer today, but will wait for your answer. Please contact us as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sent from Windows Mail

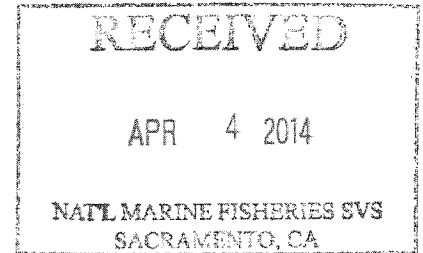


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March 31, 2014

Mr. Ryan Wulff, NMFS
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: Support for Alternative 4 of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Dear Mr. Wulff,

On behalf of the **Association of California Cities – Orange County** Board of Directors and our membership of cities, county and regional agencies, business leaders, non-profits and the academic community, I am proud to submit this letter of support for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and Alternative 4 contemplated in its associated environmental documents.

For more than a year, the ACC-OC has been deeply involved in the planning and study of this Plan.

- We have facilitated more than a dozen meetings between state officials and local water providers, elected officials, city staff as well as the non-profit, business and academic community in Orange County.
- We have studied the Plan and its draft Environmental Impact Report and draft Environmental Impact Statement in detail.
- We have toured the state of California, talking with small business owners, local, state and federal elected officials, water providers and farmers to hear their perspective on the need for a sustainable, statewide water solution.
- We have discussed the project extensively amongst Orange County leaders to ensure it was right for our region.

The overwhelming message that emerged from this due diligence was: *we need this project.*

Specifically, we believe the project outlined in Alternative 4 – twin tunnels at 9,000 cfs – is required at a statewide level to secure California's water and economic futures. This Alternative provides for the maximum balance of secure water supplies, environmental restoration, economic gain and cost-efficiency.

While we understand the discussion for larger or smaller cfs alternatives as well as different conveyance methods and configurations, Alternative 4 meets the ACC-OC's standard that this



project works to ensure all Californians, and especially Orange County residents, can access a secure source of water for decades to come.

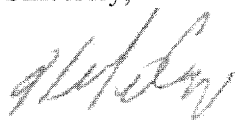
Importantly, we believe that this Plan should be funded through equitable user fees, with costs fairly distributed amongst the beneficiaries of its development. And its ultimate governance must reflect southern California's – and more specifically, Orange County's – leadership and innovation with regards to water resource management.

We also understand that this is a years-long effort and not necessarily aimed at the current and historic drought. That is why the ACC-OC is proud to also support the Governor's call for a voluntary 20 percent reduction in water use and we are urging all 34 Orange County cities to formally adopt resolutions in support of this measure.

From north to south, to urban and agricultural communities, the State of California is in this together and the ACC-OC is proud to do its part to support both long- and short-term strategies to ensure a safe, secure and reliable water supply for our future generations.

On behalf of the ACC-OC and Orange County's 34 cities, we look forward to working with the state to realize the success of the Plan.

Sincerely,



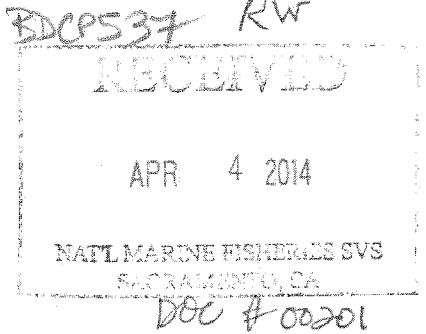
Keith Curry
Councilmember, City of Newport Beach
President, Association of California Cities – Orange County

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Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva
Assemblyman Tom Daly
Assemblyman Travis Allan
Assemblywoman Diane Harkey
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Dear Government Leaders,

On behalf of the Association of California Cities – Orange County's (ACC-OC) Board of Directors, please find enclosed our letter of endorsement of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), an ambitious proposal that would help ensure reliable water for your residents and for all Southern Californians for generations.

The organization's support for the Plan followed more than a year of analysis by you – our members. At the urging of the ACC-OC Economic Development Committee, ACC-OC held approximately a dozen meetings with the office of Governor Jerry Brown and an exclusive workshop with the project's lead scientists and environmental planners.

Members' support this plan out of an understanding that the plan is a critical piece to our water future. While local projects, including desal, storage and continued efficiency, are still needed, members have identified this Plan as the most prudent, long-term and sustainable pathway to reliability.

Please join your fellow city leaders in support of the plan and consider resolutions endorsing this project. This action will help greatly in the effort to secure future water supplies for our region.

Enclosed you will also find a sample Resolution supporting Governor Jerry Brown's request for 20 percent voluntary conservation. While indirectly related to the BDCP, the ACC-OC encourages all local jurisdictions to urge their residents to save water during this historic and sustained drought. There are cities in central California where water has ceased to flow from residential taps. Passing a resolution will speak loudly to state leaders, and will bode well for our future supplies.

As the leading advocate for Orange County cities, the ACC-OC is proud to stand with our members in support the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. We urge you to join your peers in shaping the future of water policy in California.

Please contact ACC-OC at any time with any questions about the BDCP, the resolution, or any of our programs. We hope to see the resolution on all Orange County City Council agendas within the next several weeks. As cities pass the resolution, we'll make sure and promote your support.



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Thank you for your leadership.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lacy Kelly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lacy Kelly

CEO

Association of California Cities – Orange County

RESOLUTION NO. XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
CITY OF XXX CALLING FOR A 20 PERCENT VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN WATER USAGE

WHEREAS, given the unprecedented lack of precipitation throughout California in 2013 and to date in 2014, the state is facing severe drought conditions in numerous communities that threaten residents, agriculture and our business community; and

WHEREAS, in response to these dry conditions, Governor Jerry Brown issued a proclamation declaring a Drought State of Emergency in California on January 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, California's lack of sufficient statewide investment in water infrastructure in the past has now resulted in the state, as whole, not being prepared for our current drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, CITY has been proactive in its efforts to work with its community and regional water providers to ensure a safe, reliable and cost-effective source of water for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, while Southern California— due to decades of planning, aggressive water conservation policies, acquisition of property, construction of facilities and billions of dollars of investment— is better prepared to address the current drought conditions than most, there are steps that can be taken by all to assist the state during this drought period; and

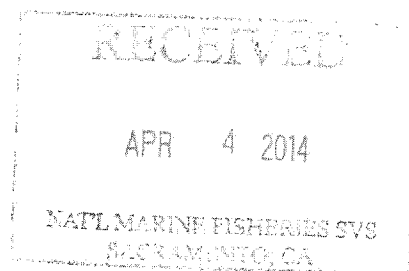
WHEREAS, one of the actions called upon by the Governor is that all Californians reduce their water usage by 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, during this emergency, Californians need to work together as one state to reduce water usage, and extend water reserves; and

WHEREAS, CITY will work to inform residents and business to reduce water use to the maximum extent practicable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of CITY does hereby encourage all of its residents and businesses to voluntarily reduce their water usage by 20 percent as called upon by the Governor in order to help the state navigate this historic dry period, extend available water reserves, and help reduce the severity of potential water shortages in the future.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED [day, month year].



From: Ryan Wulff - NOAA Federal <ryan.wulff@noaa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 12:27 PM
To: bdcpr comments - NOAA Service Account
Subject: Fwd: BDCP COMMENTS
Attachments: 20140321 - Comments from the Orange County.pdf; 20140407 - Comments from The Pomona Chamber of Commerce.pdf; 20140410 - Comments from Alhambra Chamber of Commerce.pdf

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From: **Anita Deguzman - NOAA Affiliate** <anita.deguzman@noaa.gov>
Date: Fri, Apr 18, 2014 at 12:23 PM
Subject: BDCP COMMENTS
To: Ryan Wulff - NOAA Federal <ryan.wulff@noaa.gov>

I have attached comments from the following:

Association on California Cities Orange County
The Pomona Chamber of Commerce
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce

Copies have been made and are in your mailbox and the originals are up front at the receptionist desk.

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Anita deGuzman  
*Administrative Assistant*  
NOAA Fisheries \* West Coast Region  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
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[Anita.deGuzman@noaa.gov](mailto:Anita.deGuzman@noaa.gov)

**From:** Enos, Cassandra@DWR <Cassandra.Enos@water.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2014 3:48 PM  
**To:** BDCP.comments@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** FW: BDCP / Discovery Bay

-----Original Message-----

From: Heiland, Brian@DWR  
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 3:40 PM  
To: Michael Brodsky  
Cc: Enos, Cassandra@DWR; Morrow, Michelle@DWR  
Subject: RE: BDCP / Discovery Bay

Michael, sorry for the delay in my response - Parviz was out of the office for a conference.

We are using the information from the water quality modeling in Old River (very close to Discovery Bay). The water quality impacts in Old River is mixed and range probably from -10% to + 15% (+ indicates impact) - chapter 8 would have more of the details for you. While our data points may not be within Discovery Bay itself, we don't expect the BDCP operations affect the water quality in the Discovery Bay greater than those shown for Old River. We do have a stage monitoring station within Discovery Bay - "DBD" and can be found at: [http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/staMeta?station\\_id=DBD](http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/staMeta?station_id=DBD)

However, if you feel differently about the proximity of our monitoring station on Old River, I would recommend submitting this as a public comment through [BDCP.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:BDCP.comments@noaa.gov) where we have to address each and every comment.

I would say I didn't know about any new monitoring stations to be put into Discovery Bay. On top of that, I wasn't aware of the exact monitoring locations in/around Discovery Bay (there are lots of details within the 34,000 pages) - I had to do a little digging within the documents and CDEC to figure it out. With regards to the monitoring program, the BDCP EIR used existing monitoring programs - please check out Chapter 8 of the EIR for more details. Specifically, section 8.2.2 can provide some additional insight. Mitigation is covered under section 8.4.3 with analysis for each alternative. Below are some more details of nearby stations where you can go onto CDEC pull up the data for each station by entering the code at: <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/staSearch>

1. Discovery Bay at Discovery Bay Blvd - Constituent: Stage - CDEC Code: DBD
2. Discovery Bay at Indian Slough - Constituent: Stage - CDEC Code: DBI
3. Old River at Highway 4 - Constituents: Stage, Flow, Velocity, Specific Conductance, Water Temperature, Turbidity - CDEC Code: OH4
4. Old River at Bacon Island - Constituents: Stage, Flow, Velocity, Specific Conductance, Water Temperature, Turbidity - CDEC Code: OBI

I hope this helps.

BG

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Brodsky [<mailto:michael@brodskylaw.net>]  
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 11:38 AM

To: Heiland, Brian@DWR  
Subject: Re: BDCP / Discovery Bay

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Hi Brian,

Thanks for talking with me just now. The follow up I have for Parvez (sp?) relates to statements at our meeting (If I recall correctly) that water quality impacts of project operations on the bays of Discovery Bay would be no more than a 15% variance from baseline conditions. 1)Do I remember that correctly? 2)What, if any, modeling was done specifically to determine water quality impacts on Discovery Bay. My point at the meeting was that generalized modeling of central / south Delta conditions might not capture specific effects on Discovery Bay because hydraulic residence times in the shallow water bays of Discover Bay are much greater than in the Delta in general, the existing baseline condition that the presence of egeria densa in the shallow water bays of Discovery Bay restricts circulation more than in even nearby channels and sloughs.

I think Brian answered my question about inclusion of monitoring stations in the bays of Discovery Bay as a part of the proposed mitigations / monitoring program: that there are currently no proposed monitoring stations specifically to capture the bays of discovery bay included in the EIR/EIS. Do I have that right?

Thanks very much Brian. I appreciate your help.

Michael

On Feb 10, 2014, at 10:47 AM, Heiland, Brian@DWR wrote:

> Good morning Michael, yes, you have my correct email address.

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> BG

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> Brian "BG" Heiland, P.E.

> Supervising Engineer, Water Resources

> Executive Advisor to the Chief Deputy Director Department of Water

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> From: Michael Brodsky [<mailto:michael@brodskylaw.net>]

> Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 10:42 AM

> To: Heiland, Brian@DWR

> Subject: BDCP / Discovery Bay

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> Hello Brian,

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> I wanted to follow up with you on some of the items discussed at our meeting in Discovery Bay with Jerry Meral some months back.

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> I believe i have the right contact information for you but I wanted to check to be sure this is your correct email address and that you were the engineer who attended the meeting with us.

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> Thanks,  
> Michael Brodsky  
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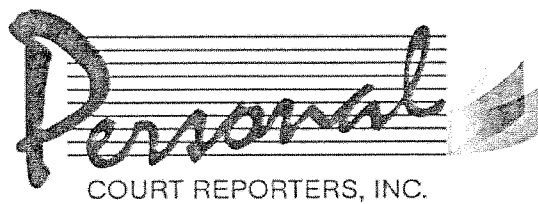
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23 TRACY RAFTER

24 MS. RAFTER: Tracy Rafter, T-r-a-c-y,  
25 R-a-f-t-e-r. I'm Tracy Rafter, and I'm here wearing

1 several hats. One, I'm a resident of Los Angeles. I'm a  
2 homeowner in Los Angeles. I own a small business. I have  
3 children in the schools. And, specifically, I want to make  
4 comments on behalf of an organization that I'm a founding  
5 CEO, and that's the LA County Business Federation or Biz  
6 Fed.

7 We're a grassroots alliance of over 120 top  
8 business associations throughout LA County and all 88  
9 cities. We represent almost 270,000 businesses who employ  
10 nearly 3 million people right here in Southern California.  
11 And we're here to express our total support of the Bay  
12 Delta Conservation Plan, and, specifically, we like  
13 Alternative 4 as outlined in the draft Environmental Impact  
14 Report, Environmental Impact Statement.

15 Following the passage of California's  
16 comprehensive water package in 2009, Biz Fed has closely  
17 watched the Bay Delta Conservation process. We're  
18 encouraged by the release of the public draft of the plan  
19 and environmental documents.

20 The outcome of this multi-year effort reflects  
21 collaboration of public water agencies, state and federal  
22 fish and wildlife agencies, business and agriculture  
23 stakeholders, local governments, and the public.

24 The draft plan and accompanying environmental  
25 documents identify several options for addressing the

1 current challenges of California's water supply, delivery  
2 system, and the delta ecosystem.

3 We believe that Alternative 4 which provides for  
4 three new intakes on the Sacramento River in the Northern  
5 Delta, a 9,000 cubic feet tunnel system to convey that  
6 water to the existing aqueduct system, coupled with the  
7 comprehensive habitat conservation plan for the delta is  
8 indeed the best alternative to meet California's co-equal  
9 goals of water supply reliability and the delta ecosystem  
10 restoration.

11 The construction of new water intakes and related  
12 conveyances is an essential element of the BDCP. The  
13 proposed twin-tunnel system will protect water supplies if  
14 a seismic event were to trigger levy breaks and cause salt  
15 water to intrude from the San Francisco Bay.

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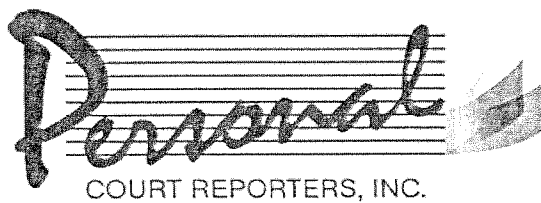
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2 project, for your information. And I have two subject  
3 areas that I want to question you about.

4 One is I'd like to know how the tunnels improve  
5 the reliability of the water supply, with the emphasis on  
6 reliability?

7 And the second question I had is that in  
8 listening to the scientific panel this past week at the  
9 Delta Stewardship Council, it's clear that there are an  
10 excess, an extremely high amount of uncertainties related  
11 to the restoration activities. And I would like to know  
12 how we can or BDCP can justify investment in the tunnels  
13 with that amount of uncertainty relating to the other dual  
14 co-equal part of restoration? Thank you.

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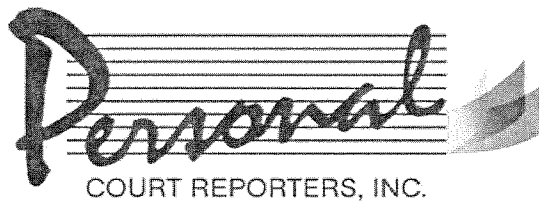
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1 ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA

2 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014, 3:00 P.M.

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4 JEFF DAVIS

5 MR. DAVIS: My name Jeff Davis, D-a-v-i-s. I  
6 represent the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, Regional Water  
7 Agency, and State Water Contractor in Riverside County, with  
8 the service area of approximately 85,000 residents that  
9 depend on the state water project for supplemental water to  
10 replenish our local ground water basins.

11 The region has grown substantially since 2000 and  
12 will continue to grow rapidly when the housing market fully  
13 returns. Some of the communities within our service area  
14 are disadvantaged. We are nowhere close to the Northern  
15 California stereotype of the Southern California community  
16 that desperately needs Northern California water to fill all  
17 of its swimming pools and water its lush gardens. Indeed, a  
18 growing portion of our population consists of senior  
19 communities with very small lots, very minimal irrigation,  
20 and very few swimming pools.

21 Because of our distance from the original state  
22 water district facilities, approximately 20 miles east, our  
23 elevation 1,000 feet higher than our delivery point at  
24 Dapple Canyon, and our small tax base, it was primarily an  
25 agriculture area until the '90s. We did not get state water

1 project water delivered to our service area until 2003  
2 because we could not afford the infrastructure until then.  
3 Even at that point, we could only get about half of our  
4 amount because we had only enough money to construct pipes  
5 so big, thus, forcing a bottleneck in the conveyance system.  
6 We are now in the process of fixing that bottleneck, along  
7 with our partner San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water.

8 The planning stations for this project of a new  
9 paired pipeline and pump station began ten years ago, and we  
10 are still two years away from the complete construction that  
11 will enable us to receive when it is available our full  
12 allocation of water from a delta.

13 Obtaining this water from the delta was a  
14 financial struggle for our region. We have the highest  
15 property tax rate of any state water contractor. We send  
16 approximately \$13 million per year to Sacramento to pay for  
17 debt service, operation and maintenance of the project.  
18 That number will increase to nearly \$29 million per year  
19 when we finish the bottleneck project. We have invested in  
20 the state water project, and we are investing even more  
21 today. The total cost of the this pump station will be over  
22 \$200 million.

23 As I said, the planning began ten years ago.  
24 Biological issues restricted flows in the delta before  
25 "climate change" became an everyday word and before the BDCP

1 process.

2 Again, in addition to this \$200 million project  
3 with the San Bernardino Valley, our agency will break this  
4 year on a new \$8 million construction on a ground water  
5 facility. The primary purpose of this facility is to import  
6 and restore more local water in.

7 Completion of the BDCP will ensure that we will,  
8 every once in a while, get a wet year. In fact, that's one  
9 of the primary purposes in the BDCP, according to your web  
10 site. Without it, without the BDCP there is much doubt as  
11 to whether we will be able to use this ground water facility  
12 to take advantage of these wet years because they might not  
13 happen. Again, the BDCP helps protect the local investment  
14 in local storage. We are doing the right thing by investing  
15 in our water supply on our end. This will only work if the  
16 BDCP is not impotent on the other end.

17 We are hopeful that we can tell tax payers and  
18 rate payers when your region will open. If the BDCP is not  
19 completed and the tunnels are not constructed, we will have  
20 spent over \$200 million, and that's just in the last ten  
21 years, with very little to show for it.

22 As SWP reliability in the future falls below 50  
23 percent without delta facility, our investments in the pump  
24 line and construction may very well turn out to be poor  
25 ones. The State of California and federal government have

1 invested over seven years and \$200 million in this project.  
2 I know because the residents of my agency paid a portion of  
3 the 200 million. We must see it through to completion.  
4 Let's invest in our future as well as the future of 25  
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10 MR. ALLEN: My name is Freeman Allen, A-l-l-e-n.  
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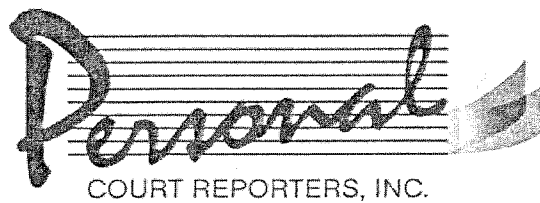


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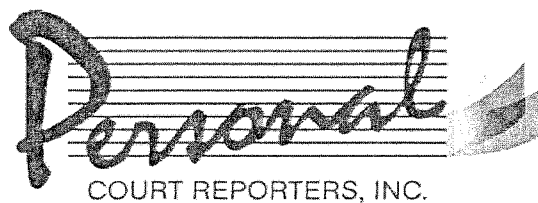
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2   important that the public be helped to think of the  
3   necessity of them helping conserve water. When we speak of  
4   conservation, or the public speaks of conservation, we're  
5   meaning how we use water. We're not talking about the  
6   restoring of the delta's conservation areas for the habitat,  
7   though that's important too. That's part of the delta  
8   problem. So we think that it's very important for the  
9   public to learn to conserve more water and to use less.

10           Another point we would like to make is it's very  
11   important to follow the state water plan which is for the  
12   increase of using of local water supplies, and we're trying  
13   for our part in Claremont to increase the yield of our  
14   Aqua-Flo so we won't need quite so much state water.

15           The EIR that is presently being promoted is pretty  
16   impressive, and we think it answers a lot of the questions  
17   we would have about how it's going to work.

18           We think in the long run, clearly, since we didn't  
19   have a peripheral canal, we need those tunnels in spite of  
20   the fact we recognize opposition to doing anything that  
21   costs money. And, however, for the long run, we've got to  
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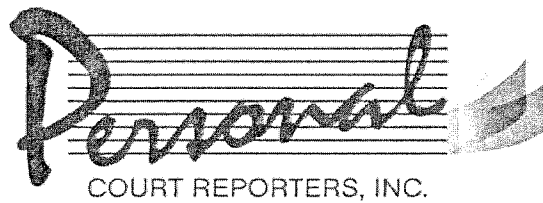
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1 right now in the climate change?

2 So my idea is why not grab some source of water,  
3 and especially the Columbia River where three days' outfall,  
4 and this has been discussed even in the Sunday paper, why  
5 not grab three days out of it and take care of Southern  
6 California for a whole year? I heard from that table over  
7 there that Washington would not let us have that outfall,  
8 but we need water. And the supply is what I'm worried  
9 about, and I don't think we have any really reliable supply  
10 right now. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

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12 (Whereupon at 7:00 P.M., the  
13 proceedings were adjourned.)  
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## TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

I, Andrea R. Alvarez, C.S.R. No. 12685, in and for  
the State of California, do hereby certify;

That, the foregoing proceedings were taken down by  
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Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

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**From:** pup quake <cameronworley12@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 06, 2014 1:19 PM  
**To:** BDCP.comments@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** tunnels

Hello my name is Cameron Worley I am a sixth grade student at Matsuyama Elementary we are doing a project on the tunnels and I was wondering if you could provide some information them. Thank you have a nice day.

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**From:** Tim Ingrum <tingrum@hydrofocus.com>  
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**Subject:** Availability of groundwater model files described in Appendix 7A

Hello,

We are wondering about public access to files from CVHM-D, the model developed by CH2M Hill and used for groundwater analysis as described in Appendix 7A. If they are available, how would we go about obtaining them?

Thank you for your help.

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